

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 471

By Turner L

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Trenyce Cobbins upon being selected one of the five finalists in Fox's *American Idol* competition.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as Tennesseans of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Trenyce Cobbins, who is one of five remaining contestants in this year's *American Idol* series; and

WHEREAS, in a state where talented musicians can be found at nearly every turn, Trenyce has distinguished herself through a weekly display of one of the most elegant and powerful voices in the nation; and

WHEREAS, this year's *American Idol* competition began with upwards of 70,000 contestants from throughout the United States; describing her style as "Whitney Houston meets Aaliyah," Trenyce wowed the judges at her first audition with her rendition of Whitney Houston's "I Learned from the Best"; and

WHEREAS, Simon Cowell, the most frank of *American Idol*'s judges, assured her that she had the look, the presence, and the voice to go far on the show; she has since proven him correct, performing such songs as "Let's Stay Together" and "I'm Every Woman" with a grace that belies her twenty-three years; and

WHEREAS, her melodious voice whispers the meaning behind every word she utters, from "I Will Always Love You" to "The Star-Spangled Banner", sending chills down the spines of her audiences, as they try to figure out how such a strong voice could possibly come from such a small frame; and

WHEREAS, a native of Memphis, Trenyce has been singing since she was two years old; and

WHEREAS, a 1998 graduate of Central High School, where she was elected Miss Sophomore, she has been performing in Memphis for many years at such entertainment events and venues as Rhythms Nightclub, Precious Cargo, the News Channel 3 Kids County Expo, *The Silver Star Newspaper's* Grand Opening, and the Miss Kappa Alpha Psi pageant; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Trenyce was the first-place winner in both the local and national 1998 NAACP ACT-SO Competitions in Music Vocal Contemporary; and

WHEREAS, she is currently a student at the University of Memphis, which she has attended for three years on a full music scholarship; after completing her *American Idol* experience, she plans to complete her college degree; and

WHEREAS, Trenyce is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her most proud parents, Jesse and Linda Cobbins; and

WHEREAS, she epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Trenyce Cobbins for her tremendous talent and her dedication to achieving greatness; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Trenyce Cobbins upon her selection as one of the five finalists on *American Idol*, thank her for so ably representing the State of Tennessee, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.